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In re Patent Application of)
Keiji YANO) Group Art Unit: 3721
Application No.: 09/830,686) Examiner: Paul R. Durand
Filed: August 3, 2001) Confirmation No.: 9925
For: HEAT-SEALING DEVICE)

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the
[] \$375.00 (2801) [X] \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

1. [] A. Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below.
[X] B. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued examination is requested:
[X] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on July 16, 2003.
[] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
[] Other: _____
2. The following documents are enclosed with this submission:
[] Amendment/Reply.
[] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
[] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).
[X] Petition for Extension of Time.
[] Other: _____
3. [] Small entity status is hereby claimed.
[X] No additional claim fee is required.
[] The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid for in this application prior to this submission:

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C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS THUS PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	Fee
Basic Fee					\$750.00 (1001)
Total Claims	20	MINUS 20 =		× \$18.00 (1202) =	
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =		× \$84.00 (1201) =	
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00 (1203)					
Total Fee					750.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Fee					
TOTAL FEE DUE					750.00

4. A check in the amount of \$ 750.00 is enclosed for the fee due.
5. Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
6. Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

TOTAL CLAIMS		
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	20 minus 20=	* —
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 minus 3 =	* —
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		<input type="checkbox"/>

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

SMALL ENTITY
TYPE OTHER THAN
OR SMALL ENTITY

RATE	Fee	RATE	Fee
BASIC FEE	375.00	OR BASIC FEE	750.00
X\$ 9=		X\$18=	
X42=		X84=	
+140=		+280=	
TOTAL		TOTAL	

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

AMENDMENT A		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		
						RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
	Total	*	Minus	**	=		
	Independent	*	Minus	***	=		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>							

SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN
OR SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		X\$18=	
X42=		X84=	
+140=		+280=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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AMENDMENT B		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		
						RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
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	Independent	*	Minus	***	=		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>							

RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		X\$18=	
X42=		X84=	
+140=		+280=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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AMENDMENT C		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		
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X42=		X84=	
+140=		+280=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

* If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.

** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".

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